

Report on Freds LAUNAGS  
in New York City , April 28 and 30, 1965.

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After arriving in New York, I called Bruno SMITS and inquired about information on Freds. SMITS told, that Freds is visiting him regularly about twice a month, but now ~~xxx~~ three weeks have passed since Freds was last seen. He also thinks that Freds health is better now and credits it to getting used to be separated from his family and the process of divorce.

SMITS also gave me Freds telephone number (SE-38250) where he can be reached in case. <sup>urgently</sup> The number is the one of the superintendant. I promised SMITS to meet him after seeing FREDs.

Then I called Dr. SALTUPS, who said that he has not seen or heard from FREDs. I also promised to inform Dr.S. about FRED.

After a long wait FREDs answered the phone. His voice was sleepy and he said that he was sick, and felt bad. He asked me to come over to his place. I arrived there at 20:15 hrs, and went in the basement apartment, which consists of livingroom kitchen combination, a bed room and a bath. The apartment is empty and has only one chair a small desk and an old sofa bed. FRED himself was in a pajama, unshaved and pale. In the beginning he was suspicious and did not show any pleasure. In the rooms there were books and Zvaigzne magazine ~~xxx~~ published in Latvia. He told that he is buying those at the Four Continent bookstore and is one of the cheapest reading material. Among the national ~~xxx~~ folks songs he had a book of poetry and asked me to read some of it, while he was shaving and dressing. He certainly has studied each of the poems and marked with symbols all over. He tried to tell me that the author is very nationalistic and the poems are very powerful and strong. I read some of them, and asked to show me a nationalistic poem. Then Freds explained that it could be understood between the lines what the author wants to express.

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He said that he is so much impressed that he himself is writing some poetry. He told<sup>me</sup> that while working and writing numbers, he has worked out a pattern where each number means a certain sound and ~~for~~ his surprise it makes sense. He showed me couple lines which was supposed to be a poem of his old political "friend" Alfreds Berzins. To me it did not make any sense what-so-ever, only sounds. Freds tried to convince me that this is very nice.

He told me that he is writing poetry all day long and has not been to his place of work on the 28th. He told me that now he starts to like the place of work especially the people around. He also expected a raise soon assuming that after a year he should ~~be~~ receive one. I asked him if he has eaten anything lately. He said that the two last days he did not have anything, but is expecting his check tomorrow and has a dollar left for the trip to the office next day. So I invited him ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>for</sup> a snack. During the long walk he stated, that he is getting very tired and will soon see a physician in order to get pep-up pills. Otherwise he feels mentally fit. He described, that his son VALDIS is still in a State Hospital, but hopes for a release soon. His wife has asked him not to write VALDIS and let him recuperate. His daughter has written him, that after school she will come to New York and visit him for couple days in June. He also revealed that his wife has sent him hospital bill, that he had to pay for his son. The amount was about \$20.- each.

Then we discussed the possibility of him going to Australia. He has a sister INGA in Australia, who is married and has six children. 3 of whom are making their own living. Besides, Freds has his best friend in Australia with whom he corresponds and who offered to pay his fare from the USA to Australia. His ~~XXXXXX~~ friend is Dr. Valdis PETERSONS

He had his wife ZIGRIDA are physicians and seemed to be well off except, that ZIGRIDA had a cancer operation couple years ago. FRED's sister had informed FRED, that he could work in Australia for jobs are available there. Speaking of his sister Fred stated, that he thinks that her mental stability is swaying too, because he does not understand exactly what she means and sees that she is trying to say something between the lines.

I tried to convince him, that he should try this opportunity in Australia, because his job record here in the States is very bad. He could not keep a job for a longer period of time and was dismissed from them all. He did not seem to understand that and said, that this is meaningless, for he is working for the employer who makes profit of him, and therefore he does not feel bad about it.

Then I tried to persuade him to have more trust in Dr. [ ] He said that they have talked and he was very reserved. It seemed to him that they did not had any contact and he did not understand his problem. I told him that he should be more patient, because [ ] is a good specialist and Fred should help him by opening himself up. When asked about the medicine, he said that now he knows the effect and still have it, but is not going to use unless absolutely necessary. Further I tried to explain him that [ ] is the only doctor, who is willing to help him without any charge. Treatments are very expensive and he will not be able to pay them. After all that talk he was reserved about [ ]. So we engaged ourselves in a very long discussion of his going to the hospital. I used the same arguments, ~~knowing~~ knowing that his aim is to go back to his wife and children. I used this saying, that his wife would be willing to try if only Fred could change his personality. He tried to argue, that he is mentally stable, which I proved he is not, naming all the places he has been fired from, that he is not capable to keep a steady job, that he lives like a person from the very bottom.

and if he was all right, why does he live under the existing circumstances. We discussed this very long and it became late so we decided to meet again and continue our discussions.


When we walked home, he admitted, that it feels fine after talking these matters over with somebody, but at the same time, he feels strange and has to think about himself after each time we had discussed his problems. He admitted, that he has some sex problems and does not have a girl. In fact he had not had one for several years.

I asked him to wait for me the next evening and so he did. He seemed to be in high spirit and said that he had couple drinks and was celebrating his dismissal from job. In a blunder he said that he drove up to the Rockefeller center and had an argument with a man, who suspiciously watched him. It looked that this man was from the Govt. who was surveilling him. Later I found out that he had not even talked to him. When I asked him how he feels, he said, that he feels very good and did not consider the loss of the job a matter to be upset about. The reason for dismissal was that he was sick on Wednesday and did not call the office. Then he said, that it is a good thing he was fired, because his health was being damaged under those working conditions. I told him to come over the next day and we will look for a new job.

On April 30 he arrived early that morning. I already had picked out some ads from the morning paper. So we started to call. The first was a professional employment agency of NYC. They told us that they do not give any info over phone and should be interviewed at the office. I waited in the waiting room, while FRED'S went inside to fill out some forms. He was mad, when he came out. He was offended, because the man interviewing him has mentioned Yugoslavia instead of Latvia. That was an insult for Fred, and he left the office.

I tried to explain things and he still kept that he is selling his services to the capitalists and therefore he has the right at least to defend himself. After that I brought him to the Unemployment place, where he registered and will receive his pay starting May 7th. The amount, as he said will be close to \$40.- a week which is sufficient for him to exist. (His rent is \$55.- a month) Then he wanted to show me the World's Fair, where he has been numerous times. He said that the environment fascinates him.

There again we sat and talked at great length of time.

I tried to prove once more, that he has a very good chance to built up his life from the bottom, if he only would change and seek some help. But he answered that he feels very fit especially during the period of hardship as for example now when he is without a job, he feels full of power to fight it through and is very cold blooded and feels there is always a job waiting for him. We went through a newspaper and found several opportunities. We called and made several appointments for Monday. As we walked through the Fair grounds, he became very mad at one time - he claimed that several old ladies have shown their tongues to him, and asked what is the significance. When I denied it, he said, that I am simply not seeing things. I engaged him in a discussion about him seeing illusions which are not true and therefore he needs a professional help. When my patience was at an end I told him that there is no use of trying to help him and that his wife was right warning me about it. I was ready to depart, when he again told me that it is very strange that after I leave he feels sorry and has to think and analyze everything I had said. Therefore he will spend the evening and night at the Fair where he will be able to think about all my proposals. I told him that he has two alternatives: 1 to See  and sign himself into the hospital and 2: accept the offer from Dr. Petersons and go to Australia.

Then he told me that there is another one: I should see his wife and ask her  
back for the present, but  
to take him home. I ruled it out, that I will be more than glad to do it,  
after he is well again. And then he said, that he wants to think about all  
I have told and asked me to come and see him real soon. I asked him to inform  
in some letters, how he is making with his jobs and write to me about any  
decisions he has made. I departed from the fair grounds at 17:45 hrs.